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In re Application of: CHARLES EDWARD BOWERS

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The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after either a final Office action or a Notice of Allowance, but before payment of the Issue Fee, and therefore applicant is requesting the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office to charge Deposit Account No. 01-1125 for the petition fee of \$180.00 under 37 CFR §1.17(i) (1). Applicant also submits herewith a Certification under 37 CFR §1.97(e) and a Petition under 37 CFR §1.97(d).

I hereby certify that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from the USPTO and foreign patent office in counterpart applications. Copies of these patents and copy of the International Search Report where available are enclosed.

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Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP § 609.

Respectfully submitted,

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